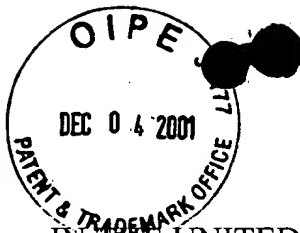


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on September 28, 2001 and October 25, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-97558, which was published on April 14, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to

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initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Furthermore, Applicant notes that Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-292466 was cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on October 25, 2001. However, it has been brought to our attention that this reference does not appear to be relevant to the present invention. Thus, the error in citation of the above identified document is regretted.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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